

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


Claims 1-20 are pending in the captioned application. The Examiner has required a restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372. Applicants elect to prosecute, without traverse, the invention of Group I, namely claims 1-15 and 18-20, drawn to an immobilization substrate comprising immobilized biomolecules, a method for making immobilized biomolecules, and a method of using immobilized biomolecules, which share the special technical feature of the immobilized biomolecules. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected group II in one or more divisional applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of the claims 1-15 and 18-20.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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